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The General Assembly,

Having considered the letter dated 3 July 2003 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee transmitting a letter dated 27 June 2003 from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions regarding the recommendations of that Committee on requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations,[1]

Having also considered the letter dated 1 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee transmitting a letter dated 26 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Niger to the United Nations,[2]

Reaffirming the obligation of Member States under Article 17 of the Charter to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

1. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. *Reaffirms also* its resolution 54/237 C of 23 December 1999;

3. *Agrees* that the failure of Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan to pay the full minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their

[1] A/C.5/57/39.
[2] A/C.5/58/4.

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control, while noting the observations in paragraphs 82 and 90 of the appendix to document A/C.5/57/39;[1]

4. *Takes note* of the information provided by Niger and welcomes its intention to submit a schedule for the payment of its contributions and arrears;

5. *Concludes* that the failure of Niger to pay the full minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond its control and invites Niger to submit appropriate information to the Committee on Contributions if similar circumstances prevail in the future;

6. *Decides* that Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until 30 June 2004.